

REMARKS

Claims 12-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 14 and 15 are added, claims 12 and 13 are amended, and claim 11 is canceled. Support for new claim 14 can be found in the specification, for example, on page 7, lines 4-17, page 19, line 8 - page 21, line 2, and in Figs. 9 and 13-16. Support for new claim 15 can be found in the specification, for example, in Fig. 13. No new matter is added.

The Office Action rejects claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,603,506 to Ogawa et al. (hereinafter Ogawa) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,649,032 to Burt et al. (hereinafter Burt), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,331,435 to Scott; and rejects claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Burt in view of Scott. As discussed above, claim 11 is canceled, and thus, the rejections of claim 11 are moot. The rejections of claims 12 and 13 are respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that Ogawa, Burt and Scott, either alone, or in combination, fail to disclose or render obvious the combination of features of independent claim 14. For example, the combination of Ogawa, Burt and Scott, fails to disclose or render obvious an electronic camera that includes a print mode selector and a layout adjustor as recited in independent claim 14. None of the applied references discloses any elements that can reasonably be considered to correspond to the claimed print mode selector and layout adjustor.

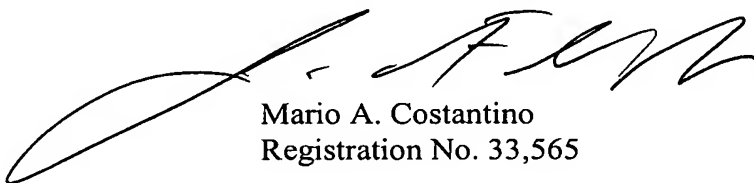
Therefore, independent claim 14 is patentable over the combination of Ogawa, Burt and Scott. In addition, claims 12 and 13, which depend from independent claim 14, also are patentable over Ogawa, Burt and Scott, for at least the reasons independent claim 14 is patentable, as well as for the additional features these claims recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In addition, claim 15, which depends from independent claim 14, also is patentable over the applied references.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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